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March 20th, 1918

William Flynn, Esq.,

86 Myrtle Avenue, Hamilton.

Dear Mr. Flynn:

I am very sorry that your family is in such tragic circumstances and you have my deepest sympathy. I also regret that you have not yet heard from Sir Edward Kemp, though the fact that the letter did not leave here until the end of January may easily explain the delay. Just this morning I received letters from England which have taken a month in coming and undoubtedly the course that such a letter would have to go through would require time.

I am afraid that I am not in a position to give you any further advice in regard to the matter. I have had word from Ottawa that the military authorities in England have become very strict in the matter of granting leave from the front. The only course that seems to me to be open to you is to write again assuming that the letter for some reason or other has not reached them.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 1918

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April 9th, 1918

W. Flynn, Esq.,
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Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you a letter which I have just received from the Honourable Sir Edward Kemp.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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22nd March, 1918.

No. 337850, Dvr. Flynn, M.J.,
C.F.A. - Furlough to Canada -

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of 31st January to Sir Edward Kemp, regarding your son, Driver M.J.Flynn.

The health of our soldiers in the Field, and the kind of duties they are fit for, are matters left entirely in the hands of the medical authorities, who are the only persons in a position to judge of them. Every Unit has a Medical Officer attached to it, for the purpose of looking after the health of the men, and all soldiers are familiar with the procedure of reporting sick to him, if necessary. As your son is serving with his Battery in the Field, it must be presumed that he is fit to carry on with his duties there, and is not, therefore, a suitable case for return to Canada on medical grounds.

Other than on medical grounds, furlough to Canada is only granted in those exceptional cases where it is clearly shown that the presence of the soldier concerned is absolutely necessary to avert financial or domestic disaster from himself or his dependents.

It has not been found possible to include within this class those cases where the close relatives of the soldier concerned are seriously ill. These cases compel the deepest sympathy of everyone, but in order to maintain our Forces in the Field, it is necessary to adhere to the strictest rules in this connection.

It has also been necessary to decide that a man cannot be returned for the purpose of winding up an estate, unless his absence prevents the distribution of income or assets, whereby serious hardship will be occasioned to himself or others.

For the reasons stated above, Sir Edward Kemp very much regrets that it is not possible to grant your request at the present time.

Yours faithfully,

Captain
Private Secretary (II)

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HAMILTON, Ont., Canada.

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